



Lake Park Villager

The official village newsletter of Lake Park, North Carolina

NEW COUNT: Population 3,547

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GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

Village government meetings and elections are held at the Community Center and are open to the public.

- Sep 22** 6:30 PM Parks & Recreation Commission
Oct 14 7:00 PM Village Council Meeting
Oct 16 6:30 PM Economic Development
Oct 21 6:30 PM Planning Board
Oct 27 6:30 PM Parks & Recreation Commission

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LAKE PARK PUBLIC PARKS OPEN DAWN TO DUSK YEAR ROUND

LAKE PARK TENNIS COURTS LIMIT USE TO 1 HOUR – ALL USERS
PAUL WOLFALE RECREATION COMPLEX

LAKE PARK SINGLES **AGES 45+**
OCT 2 – 7:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

COMMUNITY-WIDE FALL YARD SALES **SPONSORED BY HOA**
OCT 4 – 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM RESIDENTS SET UP ON OWN LOTS

SAGES EVENTS
OCT 6 – 1:00 PM CARD GAMES LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
OCT 14 – 11:15 AM LUNCH INFORMATION: 882-2005

ONCE-A-MONTH FURNITURE PICKUP **SECOND THURSDAY ONLY**
OCT 9 – 7:00 AM PLACE BULKY ITEMS AT CURB

HOA FALL FESTIVAL & MOVIE IN PARK
OCTOBER 18 – 10:00 AM TIL 6:00 PM TOWN CENTER PARK
OCTOBER 18 – 7:00 PM TIL 9:00 PM "MONSTERS INC"
OCTOBER 31 SPOOKTACULAR AWARDS OUTDOOR HALLOWEEN DÉCOR

GARDEN CLUB **TOPIC: EVERYTHING'S COMING UP PUMPKINS**
OCTOBER 20 – 7:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF **SEE ATTACHED FLYER**
NOVEMBER 1 – 6:00 – 8:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

North Carolina Burning Ban

Yard debris and other trash should be placed at the street curb for Thursday pickup. Report illegal burning to NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) at 704-663-1699 but call 911 if any home or person is in immediate danger.

Lake Park 2013 Census Rise

The 2013 NC certified population estimate was released in August by the Office of State Budget and Management and shows a 1.9% increase of 65 village residents over 2012, from 3482 to 3547.

For more information, visit www.osbm.nc.gov and select State Demography. Our population marker signs on Lake Park Road and Faith Church Road are occasionally updated with significant changes.

Lake Park Fall Festival XXIV

The Lake Park Homeowners Association is sponsoring the 24th Annual Fall Festival; rides, games food, exhibits and more. Admission is free for festival and movie night to all Lake Park residents and guests on Saturday, October 18. Vendor booth fees; \$50 for food vendors, \$35 for craft vendors. Booth fees are waived for Lake Park non-food businesses. Details at: www.lakeparknc.com. Volunteers are needed: teen and adult volunteer sign up at www.lakepark@brasael.com.

Voter Registration by Oct 10

Registration forms are available at public library, the Board of elections, and www.co.union.nc/elections. For a sample ballot check that same website. Candidates for Congress, state and county offices are on the November 4, 2014 ballot.

Lake Park Singles Oct 2

Are you 45 or older, enjoy movies, plays, dining out, casual evenings at friends' homes for snacks and card or board games? Since 2005, singles in Lake Park enjoy this non-profit social group, continue to welcome new people and support a local charity each Christmas. For details: Jean Foster, 882-3107.

Landscaping Integrity

This is the season for owners to prune tree limbs that hang too low; ensure at least six feet clearance above sidewalks. Cut back plants growing over walks.

Blow grass cuttings back onto the lawn. It is illegal to blow grass or any debris onto sidewalks, into streets, ponds or down any storm drains.

Animal Control Ordinance

Not only dogs ~ cats are included

Pets are not allowed to roam unsupervised. Lake

Lake Park Village Government Call List

Website: www.lakeparknc.gov

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Pam Jack - Council
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Mark Phillips - Council
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Fabian Szarko - Council
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Cheri Clark – Clerk/Tax Collector/Village Administrator
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Cheryl Bennett, Finance Officer
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Ken Swain, Village Attorney
(704) 882-8657
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Deputy Leslie Brett & Deputy Richard Haywood
Call 911 to report emergency or any suspicious behavior.
For non-emergency: (704) 289-1591
officer@lakeparknc.gov

Economic Development

Lake Park Family Practice welcomes board-certified Regina Forsyth, PA-C, expanding pediatric and women's services and extending office hours 7am-7pm Mon-Fri. at 6208 Creft Circle, Suite 222. Regina has a East Carolina University degree and 6 years in family medicine. Dr. Douglas Chen founded the LPCP in 2003. Marleen Traywick, FNP-C and Dawn Hale, FNP-C are on the team. 882-1666 or visit my.carolinashealthcare.org.

Detox Skin Treatment: Total Tranquility Salon has added the new service by appointment for all clients at 6136 Creft Circle: 882-3035.

Artha Associates: University of Akron graduate Kalee Muller is on board as marketing coordinator. John Box is the owner and president at 6200-B Creft Circle: 780-4204, and the leasing agent for Town Centre business units.

Parks & Recreation

Ponds Projects: Aquatic Resource treated the ponds for primrose, algae and duckweed. Overgrowth is an ongoing condition, monitored and treated monthly in warm months.

Graffiti Defacements: Volunteers restored markings at Veterans Pond playground and brickwork near Hoover and Queens Streets. Winecoff Memorials will remove graffiti residue at Howard Circle Monument.

Uneven Sidewalks: New leveling techniques are being considered with a long-range plan to restore or replace cracked or uneven public walk panels. Trip hazards (panels with 1" to 2.5" breaks) will have first priority on busy Creft Circle and in public parks. All neighborhoods will gradually be added to a repair or replace schedule.

Park's Ordinance is designed for safety of all pets as well as consideration for resident safety. Never pet any animal without owner permission and report loose animals to our officers. Feral cats (those that roam wild and have no owner) can be unpredictable and should not be approached by non-professionals.

Street Light Issues?

If you spot a light pole where the bulb doesn't come on after dark, blinks, has a broken shade or stays lit during the day, please write down the pole identification number (it's located on a metal plate near the base of the pole) and call it in to John Barnes. John will need the pole number, street name and tell him what's wrong. John is our liaison with Union Power for safe illumination on all our streets and alleys.

2014 Property Tax Bills

Village and County property tax bills were mailed in August to all non-escrowed property owners. If your mortgage company does not escrow your taxes, but you have not received a bill, notify Cheri Clark.

Conifer Circle Trees

A corridor of Bradford Pear trees (named for their shape as they are not fruit-bearing) bordering Conifer Circle is changing. The natural life span is coming to an end for these trees with their seasonal color changes~ white blossoms, pale green buds opening to cool emerald leaves through summer, deep red leaves in late fall. But such beauty isn't lasting and the time has come to remove those trees that are diseased or are already overgrown and susceptible to splitting.

On August 19, Union County Urban Forester assisted the Park & Recreation Commission in surveying the Bradford Pear trees condition. Most present a potential hazard to both vehicles and pedestrians. Many of the trees have suffered damage to limbs or trunks. Many sidewalk panels are heaved by overgrown tree roots where trees are too close to the sidewalks.

Based on a 2009 Common Area Task Force study, the Park & Recreation Commission started an ongoing program of planting small ornamental trees that leave a 12-foot clearance from the road and would also soften the gaps when the shade trees would be removed. By a close 3-2 vote, Council approved a \$4200 contract with Kiker Tree Service to remove 20 selected Bradford Pear trees and grind out the stumps. It's a tough call to lose the shade and songbirds, but we've seen it coming. Parks & Rec is working on placing new trees in locations that provide the room they need to grow and endure.

Kiker will also prune other public area Bradford Pears to provide better clearance for school buses and motorists on Conifer Circle.

Got a tree that needs help?

Kiker Tree Service has offered to extend a discount to any Lake Park residents needing tree pruning or removal while Kiker is working in the Village in the next few weeks. To arrange now, contact Travis Kiker: 221-1943.